

Wilmington and vicinity — Fair today and Tuesday with few scattered showers; moderate temperatures becoming warmer Tuesday afternoon.

## Grave Digger



Ex-Sailor William Gantt, Jr., (above) of Atlanta, Ga., has been released under a \$1,000 peace bond after his estranged wife, Janie, testified in court that he forced her into a lonely grave he had dug for her in the woods, and gave her the choice of being stabbed or shot to death. She said she escaped when he left the grave temporarily.

(AP Photo)

## THOUSANDS WATCH PLANES COME IN

Civil Air Patrol Cavalcade, Fifty Strong, Visits Bluententhal

Several thousand air-minded Wilmingtonians flocked to Bluententhal airport yesterday morning to watch some 45 to 50 planes of the North Carolina wing of the Civil Air Patrol "sit down" on the field's 7,000-foot runways at the end of their first post-war mass flight.

Invited here by the Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington Chambers of Commerce and the Pennington Flying Service, the planes and their 90 to 100 pilots and passengers began arriving at the field about 7:30 a. m. and kept dropping out of the sky almost until noon from many up-state cities such as Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham, and Winston-Salem.

Included among the thousands of welcoming spectators were John H. Farrell, secretary of the Wilmington chamber; Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Wrightsville Beach Chamber; James and Warren Pennington, of the Pennington Flying Service; Hamilton E. Hicks and Harry Gardner, of the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority; and Jesse C. Parker, Jr., airport manager.

After disembarking from their aircraft, the pilots and passengers were driven to the beach for a holiday of sun-bathing, fishing, boating, and sight-seeing. A special Sunday afternoon dinner was served them at the Ocean Terrace hotel.

The festivities over, they were driven back to the airport and began taking off for the return trip home about three o'clock. All enthusiastically agreed that "Wilmington and the beach are wonderful, and Bluententhal airport is one of the finest fields we've ever set our wheels down on."

## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

KUN'L BOB SAY HE KIN  
THINK UP A HEAP O'  
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## PRAY TERROR AWAY

### Thousands Of Dominicans Ask End Of Earthquakes

SAN FRANCISCO DE MARCORIS, Dominican Republic, Aug. 10.—(Delayed) (P)—Thousands of Dominicans, trudging bare-footed for miles through the northern hills Saturday to kneel at crude shrines of the Virgin Mary and pray in the rain for the end of earthquakes, tidal waves and terror that have beset this island republic for seven days.

The narrow road north was so thronged with columns of dolefully chanting or silent worshippers that it took newsmen seven hours to travel the 150 miles from Ciudad Trujillo, the capital, to this quake-torn provincial town.

**Thousands Homeless**  
Some were part of the 20,000 left homeless by the week's

double catastrophe were devoutly eager to share in the tragedy. Many tried their shoes off, kneeling in prayer before a humble roadside altar, and then quickly unshodding to carry them home.

They are terrified of the sea waves and the earth waves, but that is not altogether why they pray," a Dominican woman motorist told American caught in the traffic snarl.

**Give Thanks**  
"They pray—some of them—in thanksgiving that it was not worse."

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## The Weather

**FORECAST**  
South Carolina — Fairly cloudy, little change in temperatures Monday and Tuesday, a few showers near coast Monday afternoon.

North Carolina — Fair Monday and Tuesday except a few showers along Southeast coast Monday, moderate temperatures becoming a little warmer Tuesday afternoon.

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

**Temperatures**  
1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 83; 7:30 p. m. 80.  
Maximum 87; Minimum 73; Mean 78; Normal 78.

**Precipitation**  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.02 inches.  
Total since the first of the month — 2.89 inches.

**Tides For Today**  
(From the tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

	High	Low
Wilmington	9:23 a. m.	4:22 a. m.
	9:33 p. m.	4:37 p. m.
Masonboro Inlet	7:00 a. m.	1:15 a. m.
	7:32 p. m.	1:11 p. m.

Sunrise 5:31; Sunset 7:03. Moonrise 7:20 p. m.; Moonset 4:57 a. m.

## SEN. LAFOLLETTE FACES ACID TEST

**Former Progressive Seeks Renomination On Wisconsin GOP Ticket**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, a prominent figure among western progressives for a quarter of a century, stakes his political career Tuesday on the whims of Wisconsin Republicans in the country's top primary election contest.

LaFollette, son of the late Sen. Robert M. (Fighting Bob) LaFollette, is seeking re-nomination as a Republican, having abandoned the progressive party label with which he had been identified since he entered the Senate in 1925.

**Tough Race**

The veteran Senator's chief opponent is an aggressive, popular ex-Marine, Circuit Judge Joseph M. McCarthy, who was endorsed by the State Republican convention by 2,328 votes against one vote for LaFollette. Word from Wisconsin is that the race may be the closest of the year. A heavy vote may favor LaFollette, but if the vote is light, McCarthy may win.

Elsewhere, votes will be cast in primaries Tuesday in South Carolina and Vermont. Delaware winds up the week's political activity with a Republican convention Wednesday and a Democratic primary Saturday.

**Eleven In Race**

A liquor issue has aroused chief interest in South Carolina where 11 candidates are seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Gov. Ransome J. Williams, who succeeded to the governorship in 1944 when Olin D. Johnston resigned to enter the Senate, is the leading candidate. He has based his campaign on a promise to fight wholesale liquor interests.

A fight is on in Vermont for the seat vacated by Republican Sen. Warren R. Austin, who was named by President Truman to be U. S. representative on the United Nations Security Council. Battling for the nomination are Sterry R.

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## Today and Tomorrow

Joseph Alsop continues as Mr. Lippmann's Guest Conductor while the latter is away on vacation.

**BY JOSEPH ALSOP**  
LONDON, Aug. 11.—What will British socialism be like for the men in the street? Since it is a free government's business to satisfy its citizens, that is the all-important question. The answer falls into two parts.

First, all but a minority will only feel the impact of the new socialism in special ways through the far reaching social security and health programs; in parks and housing and better educational op-

## DECONTROL BOARD WILL MEET TODAY

**Grain Prices First On Agenda With Meat Following Tuesday**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(P)—Administrator Paul Porter Sunday promised business and industry full help from OPA in loosening the government's wartime grip on prices through the newly-created Decontrol board.

The board, product of a compromise between administration demands for continued strong powers over prices to battle inflation and Congressional effort to drop most controls at once, takes up its first tasks Monday.

**Denies Red Tape**  
Porter "vigorously denied" that OPA will require "industry to jump through hoops of red tape" in order to win price increases held to be necessary for production.

If anybody has to jump through hoops it is because Congress wrote the law that way, Porter indicated in a lengthy written explanation of how OPA expects to administer its revived powers.

**To Follow Law**  
"If production is slowed up, it will certainly not be the fault of the OPA," Porter declared. "We will grant all price increases called for by the law. We will withhold those which cannot be clearly justified under the standards set up according to law."

The first job of the three-member Decontrol board, which has final say-so over removal or application of price ceilings, is a decision on automatic restoration of price ceilings on a long list of food and feed products. These include meats, milk, butter, grains, cottonseed and soybeans.

**Up To Board**  
Even after Congress agreed to revival of price controls, it insisted that these major commodities be freed from ceilings until August 21, with the new board to decide before then whether they should remain free.

Most of the food and feed products included in the group have advanced sharply over the price ceilings that existed June 30, when OPA expired.

**In Public Interest**  
As a yardstick for the new board, See DECONTROL On Page Two

## London Blackout

LONDON, August 11.—(P)—A gas workers strike brought a partial blackout back to London Sunday night.

Street lights failed to come on along 1,400 miles of streets in an area where 5,000,000 persons live. Gas pressure ran low in thousands of homes.

Company officials said 20,000 industrial concerns would be affected by the gas shortage, including newspaper plants which use gas to heat type metal. Emergency techniques developed in the war were called into use.

Two thousand maintenance workers have been on strike four days against the Gas Light and Coke company seeking wage increases averaging fourpence (eight cents) an hour. Company foremen have voted to join the walkout this week.

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# BRITISH WARSHIPS ISOLATE MAJOR PORT OF HAIFA AS BATTLE LOOMS; FIRST LAY-UP SHIP ARRIVES HERE

## Big Freighter Reaches Port In Tow Of Tug

**6,000-Ton John B. Joyce Makes Journey From Philadelphia Safely**

**THREE MORE COMING**

**Moran Towing Company Boat Brings In Vessel After Rough Trip**

The 6,000-ton freighter John B. Joyce will be the first of 400 to 500 recommissioned merchant ships to be berthed in the Brunswick river lay-up basin near Southport. The Joyce reached Wilmington yesterday from Philadelphia in tow of the 216-ton ocean-going tug Peter Moran. Captain Alfred Rowohl is master of the Moran.

Chief Mate A. L. Thompson of the Peter Moran, said last night that his tug will tow the Joyce to the lay-up basin today, leaving Wilmington at 8 o'clock this morning.

**Three More Enroute**  
Thompson said that three other tugs of the Moran Towing and Transportation company's fleet now are enroute to Wilmington with two Liberty ships and one Victory freighter, which will be carried to the Brunswick river reserve fleet basin shortly after their arrival here. Thompson did not know the names of the merchant ships, but said the tugs towing them are the Nancy Moran,

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## PHILADELPHIA MAY GO HUNGRY SOON

**Seventy-Five Per Cent Of City's Bread Supply Cut By Strike**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.—(P)—Seventy-five percent of Philadelphia's bread supply was cut off Sunday by a strike of nearly 2,000 workers.

An estimated 1,000,000 loaves a day was cut from the bread supply of the nation's third largest city.

The strike was called Saturday night by Local 6, Bakers and Confectioners union (AFL) in a demand for a wage increase of 20 cents an hour. Affected were 13 plants of eight major bakery firms.

**Termed Violation**  
Kenneth Souser, an attorney acting as spokesman for the bakers, called the strike "a violation of contract" and said "we are going to bring an injunction suit Monday."

He said the bakers had offered a 16-cent-an-hour boost.

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## Along The Cape Fear

**DISSOLVED DOUBTS** — Most people start their lives by being regular babies. Some, like Topsy, "jes' grow." And some, like Peter Pan, never grow at all.

But it nevertheless is an indisputable biological fact that all people are babies at one time or another during their lives, whether they will it or not. And it is an indisputable parental fact that most mammals and daddies take their babies to the photographer, whether the babies will it or not.

Indisputable evidence of these two indisputable facts is herewith recorded on Page Eight of today's paper. If anyone hereabouts has ever harbored any doubts that any Wilmingtonians ever were babies and that their parents wanted photographic proof of the matter, the picture should dissolve those doubts right now, once and for all.

**WEE WILMINGTONIANS** — It was back around 1890 and 1892 almost 60 years ago — when the wee Wilmingtonians watched the birdy for the late Henry Cronenberg, whose name you see emblazoned across the picture.

According to Mrs. Bertram Quelch, the kind lady who loaned

us the old photo, Cameraman Cronenberg was the father of H. C. Cronenberg, the old Wilmingtonian who wrote us that letter a short time ago about the Port City's carnivals of long ago.

Well, it seems that Cameraman Cronenberg decided one day to make a composite shot of all the cute little Cape Fearians who had the tricks of the shutterbug-trade, even as it was practiced some 60 years ago, we can't begin to fathom how Cameraman Cronenberg accomplished the feat, but as we gaze with no small amount of wonder on the result we genuflect in homage to his skill.

**SISSY SUITS** — We also genuflect in homage to the babies themselves, regardless of what they might look like now that they have grown up. There's not a cherubic face in the whole photo that couldn't have won a baby contest then or win one now.

We are especially taken by the little fellow (or is it a little girl?) squatting in the wash-pan in the lower right hand corner of the photo. What memories of Satur-

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## Man Slain --- Business As Usual



A waitress carrying a tray of drinks steps past the body of Marvin W. Ashley, 43, professional bowler, who was shot to death in the cocktail parlor of a bowling alley at Hollywood, Calif. Business goes on as usual with his body lying on the floor. Sheriff's Investigator Vic English said Ashley was killed in a dispute over the affections of another waitress. Police booked Joseph K. Smith on suspicion of murder.

(AP Wirephoto).

## GHOST ROCKETS

### Fiery-Tailed Bombs Falling On Sweden

**Military Officials Believe Country Now Being Used In Target Area For Vast Experiments From German Source**

STOCKHOLM, August 11.—(P)—Ghost rockets — mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails — have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

Since July 1, newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

In the beginning many believed excited eye-witnesses

had seen nothing more ominous than meteors. However, between July 9 and July 12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that time added reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

**Papers Warned**  
Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. Official quarters declined to speculate on the source of the missiles, but it was believed elsewhere that the rockets came from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears that a missile might do damage were quickly dispelled.

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**Most Of Nation Shivers Sunday**  
(By The Associated Press)  
Cool weather spread over a large section of the nation Sunday and weather observers predict it will remain for a time followed by showers.

Sunday morning the coldest spot reported was at Spooner, Wis.

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## RAF Planes Searching Sea For Illegal Ships

**Tension Mounts In Jaffa As Troops Make Ready To Deport 4,000 Illegal Jews; Jerusalem Armed**

JERUSALEM, Palestine, August 11.—(U.P.)—Reinforced British troops and six warships isolated the major port of Haifa Sunday night where, amid ominous signs of an expected battle, preparations apparently were complete for the imminent deportation of an estimated 4,000 illegal Jewish immigrants held aboard ships in the harbor.

Royal Air Force planes searching sea lanes leading to

Palestine reported sighting two more illegal immigrant ships carrying an estimated 2,000 refugees. It was believed they might be diverted to the Isle of Cyprus, and that those refugees already in Haifa harbor would be sent to join them.

**Violence In Jaffa**  
The tension was highlighted by violence in Jaffa, where extremists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi attempted to free two captured Irgunists in a government hospital. They were discovered and fled after an exchange of gunfire with police.

The steamship Empire Rival, one of a class of fast, modern British transport and refrigeration ships, slipped into Haifa unday and was moored next to the cargo jetty. (Official sources in London disclaimed knowledge of any plans to use the ship to deport the illegal immigrants.)

**Curfew Planned**  
There were rumors that the deportation might begin Sunday night and that a curfew might be imposed on the port city to prevent a clash with the Jewish underground army Hagana, which has pledged itself to prevent transportation of the immigrants.

Large numbers of new troops, who have arrived in Palestine within the past week, moved into the port area and seized the customs shed as the Empire Rival docked. The cargo jetty was ordered.

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## J. RUSSELL WOOD WILL TAKE REST

**Wrightsville Beach Mayor Resigns Office; Goes To Texas City Soon**

J. Russell Wood, mayor of Wrightsville Beach, announced yesterday that he had submitted his resignation to the Board of Aldermen of the beach town, and would leave about October 1 for El Paso, Texas.

His resignation, Wood said, has not been acted upon by the board which holds only one regular meeting each month. The next regular meeting probably will be held early in September, at which time it is expected that his resignation will be accepted.

**Not Interested**  
Reports in Wilmington that Mrs. Undine J. Snyder, operator of the Ocean Terrace hotel, and a member of the Wrightsville Beach board of aldermen, might be named to succeed Wood, were denied last night by Mrs. Snyder, who said she definitely is not a candidate for the mayoralty.

Mrs. Snyder said, however, that she thought the new mayor would be selected from one of the remaining three members of the board, who are Dr. Sidney Allen, Reimond Robinson and Fred Graham.

**To Take Rest**  
Wood, who is associated with the Hyman supply company, said he did not plan to enter business in El Paso, but would take a long rest in the Texas city.

**And So To Bed**  
Yesterday afternoon two Wilmington men en route to the movies drove into a parking place in front of the post office.

The driver got out and inserted a penny in the parking meter.

"Hey," said his companion, "you don't have to put a penny in the meter today. It's Sunday."

"So it is," said the driver, remembering. "But what the heck—it's worth the price. Just think, now I don't have to worry about rushing back in 12 minutes to put another penny in the doggone thing."

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## GLIDERS GALORE

### Prospective Buyers Seek Crates, Not Flying Ships

TOBYHANNA, Pa., Aug. 11.—(P)—One thousand gliders go on sale this week at the Army's military reservation here — but the crates in which they're packed are attracting more prospective buyers than the aircraft.

Each glider, the War Assets administration disclosed, is contained in five packing crates. The five crates add up to 7,000 board feet of hard-to-get lumber.

**For Guest Cabinets**  
Among the prospective buyers is George Driebe, Stroudsburg, Pa., war veteran. He says he wants six gliders, will use the cases as

guest cabins on a tract he owns along the Delaware river. He figures the glider wings will serve as porch roof and awnings — with any spare lumber usable for hot dog stands, and a bath house.

The gliders originally cost \$20,000 each. For the sale, the WAA has valued them at \$75, including the crates, which brings the lumber in one crate down to \$10.75 a thousand board feet. That compares to \$40 to \$100 in the current market, says Col. George L. Oliver, commanding the Tobyhanna military reservation.

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